

SPORTING GOSSIP OF TO-DAY.

UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR RACING AT BENNING.

Itself said to be in better trim than any of the possible starters in the morning's handicap—Brooklyn's South—Fitz and Rubin may meet next.

Benning at Benning are complaining of the lateness of spring, which has made it impossible to get a majority of the thoroughbreds at the track ready for the meeting which begins to-morrow. The weather and track conditions at Washington have been quite better than here, where the trainers at the Long Island racetracks are all behind-hand.

It was said yesterday that F. R. Hitchcock's Catalina, who has the best of the season, will not start. F. R. Hitchcock's Catalina, who has the best of the season, will not start. F. R. Hitchcock's Catalina, who has the best of the season, will not start.

Masterman is another dangerous factor, according to the trainers both here and at Benning. Trainer Jim Boden has given the reason of Hastings' poor performance, and believes that he will run up to the mark, which has been of a promising nature.

Ascension, fresh from New Orleans, will be ridden by Tommy Burns. The mare is in good condition, and is expected to perform as well as any of the horses in the race. Tribes Hill, also from the Crescent City, is in good condition, though it is said that he will not take to the going.

There will be a strong army of riders taking to Benning. The weather is expected to be a strong one, and the track is expected to be in good condition. The race is expected to be a strong one, and the track is expected to be in good condition.

Seven members of the Brooklyn National League team left yesterday for Columbus, N. C. They were George, Phil, Rutter, Hatch, and others. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

The Pittsburghers will reach Hot Springs to-day. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is still in Washington where he is looking after the affairs of the club in that city. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

As Marvin Hart has backed out of a fight with Gus Ruhlin it would seem that there is no further obstacle to a match between the two. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

The Intercollegiate football rules committee has made a radical move in the interests of universal government of the game by voting to allow a player to be out of play for a period of time. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

A fast six round bout was held at Chester, Pa., on Monday night under the auspices of the Chester Boxing Club. The team is expected to perform well, and the race is expected to be a strong one.

BILLIARDS.

William Gershel Runs 65, Leads F. Tobias by 95, but Loses by 18.

William Gershel, in his game against Florian Tobias in the tournament for the 14-inch billiard championship of the American Billiard Club, made a high run of 65, which is within 8 points of the best run made in the recent tournament for the national championship.

No more exciting contest has been seen among the amateurs since the late season of 1902. Gershel and Tobias, who was played after Gershel met Douglas Monday night and did not finish until early yesterday morning. Gershel's clever play gave him an advantage of 65 points in the first half of the game. Tobias's strong play in the last half overcame his opponent's lead and brought him victory by 18 points.

Notwithstanding that Gershel made five runs in the last eight innings, he made a total of 96 in the first three. His work at this stage was his best of the contest, his average for the eight innings being 12.21. He followed with 65, which by 14 points broke the high run record of the tournament.

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NEW YORK BEAT ATLANTA.

GRIFITHS PITCHES FIRST FULL GAME FOR AMERICANS.

Game Rather Slow Owing to Heavy Grounds. Southern Pitchers Hold the Track. Visitors Down to Three Runs in Quick Fielding by Borrowed Player.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22.—The second act in the baseball production entitled "The White Sox of Atlanta" was played to-day. The weather cleared up nicely, and it was warm and bright overhead, but still heavy under foot, and the latter fact slowed up the game somewhat.

Griffith was the main workman for the New York Americans, who won by 3 to 0, the home team getting but three hits off the New York manager. Griffith had his usual splendid control and mixed up his offerings to splendid extent that only five Atlanta reached first base.

Griffith pitched the whole game. He was stiffened up a bit after letting himself loose, and Powell had a sore elbow. Griffith handled the pitching very nicely. There was not much batting on either side.

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SPRING SALE OF TROTTERS.

Good Prices for Young Stock at Lexington Auction.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 22.—Bidding was very active at the Lexington Trotting and Harness Company spring sale of trotters here to-day, especially when young stock was offered which showed any indication of extreme speed. The weather was unsettled, but a large crowd of visitors and horsemen were in attendance.

S. Bain officiated as auctioneer and during the day disposed of forty-nine head for a total of \$12,818 and an average of \$261. The once great race mare, Neva Simmons, 2:17 1/2, was sold for \$2,000, which was a high price for a 4-year-old.

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HE LOST HIS COCCYX THRICE.

COLLAPSE OF MCFADDEN, PLAIN-TIFF IN DAMAGE SUITS.

Three Times in Twelve Years He Has Sued Different Defendants in This County, Alleging the Same Injuries—Doctor Swears for Him—Jerome Wants Him.

"I would hand him over to the Sheriff if he were here," said Justice Blachoff yesterday as he declared a mistrial in Samuel McFadden's suit for \$50,000 damages against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

McFadden had been in court the day before, in a pitiful state of helplessness, and made a pathetic figure on the witness stand. He swore that his spine had been broken in a collision of his truck with a car in August, 1901, and that surgeons removed his coccyx, the lower end of his spine. He was a nervous wreck, he said, and his general behavior and divers internal disorders.

Several doctors testified as to his condition, and to the examinations they had made of him, and that he bore, apparently without pain, tests of sticking needles in him and searing him with hot irons.

Dr. Nichols testified that he had removed McFadden's coccyx in the presence of a jury. He was a nervous wreck, he said, and his general behavior and divers internal disorders.

The lawyers for the defense, having learned that the nervous wreck, who lives at Rutherford, N. J., is doing heavy portage on the Erie Railroad for a living, looked him up pretty sharply, and on cross examination on Monday Lawyer McIntyre confronted him with a complaint in 1892 signed in an action he brought in 1892 against the firm of Campbell, Nicholls & Jerome.

The suit was tried in the old Court of Common Pleas before Judge Joseph F. Day and resulted in a \$3,500 verdict for McFadden. But the verdict was reversed by the General Term, Justice Blachoff writing the opinion.

When Justice Blachoff was reminded of this yesterday, he became deeply interested in McFadden's recent coccyx. After the trial, McFadden was brought to court, and he was asked to sign a statement that he had lost his coccyx three times.

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Dr. Kane's

Lecture—The Second of His Spring Series.

TO MEN ONLY

His Subject, "Longevity, or the Failures and Feeblenesses of Old Age."

The second of the series of Dr. Kane's admirable and scholarly spring lectures to men took place last night before a large and numerous audience made up largely of men of culture and refinement, who evidently expected some new truths and certainly were not disappointed.

Dr. Kane demonstrated in his usual clear and concise manner that he was fully master of his subject and surprised his hearers, even his fellow physicians, by the breadth and grasp of his ideas. Never have we read or listened to a more scholarly presentation of the subject.

Starting with the assertion that man's virile and procreative power should outlast every other function and organ in the body, he was the last to fall or die, the doctor cited numerous instances in plant and animal life, from the lowest "vibrio" and "germ-blast" to the highest organization, to show that in man alone this most important function is the last to fail.

He quoted one particularly strong and happy phrase, "The virile power of man in every individual as well as in every nation, there is the period of rise, of pause and of descent; from birth to middle age we vigorously mount the hill, a short interval of rest, a pause upon the summit, and then we descend the other side of the hill to finally quench our feeble light in the gloom of old age."

His masterly and convincing arguments met a fitting climax in a full description of the "vibrio" and "germ-blast" method for restoring and maintaining strength and vigor even at the most advanced age. The doctor's discoveries, which represent a life of study and research, have been completely unperceived ideas, as was clearly demonstrated by the fact that the oldest men, who are the fathers of a strong and healthy child of 6 months.

This series of lectures will, we understand, be delivered in Paris this summer before the French Academy of Medicine.

A summary of all the doctor's lectures can be had free of cost, sealed and without marks, from the American Association of Physicians, 138 West 34th St., New York City.

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HIT WIFE IN SOLAR PLEXUS. Herman Steiger, the young West Hoboken athlete who is being sued by his wife, Elsie M., for divorce in the Court of Chancery on the grounds of extreme cruelty, testified in his own defense before Vice-Chancellor Stevenson in Jersey City yesterday.

He denied that he gave her a black eye while they were on their wedding trip and explained that she injured herself by letting an Indian kick her while she was exercising under his instruction. He also declared he never punched her in the stomach with the heavy end of an Indian club or with boxing gloves.

"We often practised the solar plexus blow," he testified, "and I would hit her, but I never hurt her. The solar plexus is the soft spot of the stomach."

"Did your wife cry when you hit her?" asked Mrs. Steiger's lawyer. "Good Lord, yes, she was always ready to cry, when she was in a temper. She was huffy, though, and liked to spar. Once she knocked out my nephew with the gloves, and he was a heavier man than I am."

The case was not finished.

JOHN-DOING ROTHSCHILD.

Jerome's Office Wants to Know His Relations With the Globe Security Co.

A John Doe inquiry into the business relations alleged to exist between David Rothschild, former president of the Federal National Bank, and the Globe Security Company, a money lending concern at 150 Nassau street, was begun before Justice Wyatt in the Court of Special Sessions, yesterday.

An Associated Press District Attorney Kresel, who conducted the investigation for Mr. Jerome, said that he did not feel at liberty to tell what had happened at the inquiry, but it was learned that the investigation was conducted by the District Attorney's office.

Other witnesses will be E. P. Abernethy and C. B. Outwater, who were officers of the Federal National Bank under the Rothschild regime. President Woods, who has succeeded Rothschild at the head of the banking institution, and some of the other new officers also will be summoned.

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